

**GOLD IN OREGON.**—A letter to the Newark Advertiser states that the writer is now washing out gold at the rate of ten dollars an hour. He further says:

"Two others by the side of me, with the assistance of a squaw, (for an Indian man is a few months, as gold is everywhere in this vicinity. All the soldiers in the garrison are at work, making from \$20 a day upwards, but none less than \$15. No man would work for the gold until my partner tried; and after two or three hours' work he was offered \$35 for what was in his machine, which he took. The next day he worked about four hours, and again sold his sand for \$40. On investigation, it was found that he had sold \$20 worth of gold for \$35, and \$30 worth for \$40. We have taken out \$30 worth in two hours and forty minutes, then let escape \$10 worth. This was the first mining done here, and now it is ascertained that it will yield a rich reward everywhere along the beach."

**THE ROYAL FAMILY OF RUSSIA.**—The following amiable family picture may be interesting at this time, when Russia is thrusting her nose into the politics of Europe:

"Peter I., the founder, as he may be called, of the present imperial family—was the murderer of the two daughters and the son of his brother Ivan, and the murderer of his own son, Alexander, by his own hand of his son Alexis. He was himself murdered by Menzikoff, (a name that has again risen up in history,) the favorite of his wife Catherine, and who, when united to Peter, was already the wife of a living husband; and their children declared afterwards incapable of reigning, because born in sin. Anne, the eldest daughter of Ivan, put fourteen thousand Russians to death, and banished twice as many. A revolution displaced the younger Ivan to put on the throne Elizabeth, daughter of Peter I., and her reign was remarkable for her drunkenness and debauchery. Peter III., her successor, was notoriously the offspring of crime, and was dethroned and strangled by his wife, Catherine II., the same infamous woman who had assassinated the dethroned Emperor Ivan, and whose own son, Paul, the father of the present Emperor Nicholas, was strangled by his courtiers."

**A HOTEL.**—Some idea of the expenses attending upon a large hotel may be gathered from the following, from a correspondent of the New Bedford Standardist, who writes about the United States Hotel in Boston:

"The hotel occupies 38,000 square feet of ground, has 280 rooms, easy accommodations for 550 persons, and capable of lodging and boarding 800. There are 130 male and female employees divided into a dozen different departments, each having a responsible head—such as dining, rotundary, office, porter, kitchen, baker, &c."

"The amount of food daily consumed is enormous, 400 pounds of soap, 300 pounds of flour, 100 pounds of butter, 100 dozen hens' eggs, 6 bushels of potatoes, and 50 gallons of milk. The apparatus for one Sabbath cost \$400. Lights cost nearly \$6,000 per annum. Water spouts into almost every room in the house, at an expense to the landlord of \$360 per year. To cook all this food and keep so many persons warm, it takes 600 tons of coal, 75 cords of wood, \$1,000 worth of charcoal."

**LEAD PIPE.**—Some one who is interested in tin is endeavoring to get up an alarm about the dangers of lead pipe for conducting water. Dr. Brande says: "Perfectly pure water, such as distilled water, put into an oxidized vessel, and exposed to the air, soon oxidizes it, and corrodes it, and delicate tests discover oxide of lead in solution in the water; but river and spring water exert no such solvent power. The carbonates and sulphates in such water, though in very minute quantities, entirely prevent its solvent power." [Philadelphia Ledger.]

**HORSE MACKEREL.**—Mr. William Alexander, while fishing near Rock Cod Lodge, about thirteen miles from Portland, caught a horse mackerel weighing 800 lbs., 10 feet long, and 7 in circumference. He took him with a cod hook, and, worrying him out, finally secured him. There being no one with him in the boat but his little boy, he had to tow him to a schooner, near, before he could take him in. It is a splendid fish, resembling in all its parts a mackerel, but on a giant scale. [Portland Argus.]

**POTENTATES AT LOGGERSHEADS.**—In conformity with a bull from the Pope, the Archbishop of Treves has ordered that "in all cases of marriages between parties of different confessions that the Evangelical (Protestant) bridegroom shall take an oath to the bishop, or any one of his clergy who may appoint, by which he shall bind himself to devote the children he may have to the Roman Catholic Church." Otherwise the marriage is forbidden. The King of Prussia has just issued a general order, declaring that he will dismiss from his service any officer who may take the stipulated oath, "degrading to the man and to the Evangelical Confession." In this case of affairs, it is evident that there will be but little mixing of religions connubially. [Phila. Ledger.]

**FANNY FERN ON SCHOOL-MISTRESSES.**—I was never on an august school committee, but if I was, I'd make a sine qua non that no school marm should be inaugurated who had not been a married mother. I don't believe in old maids; they know very well that they haven't fulfilled their family destiny, and I wouldn't have them wreaking their bilious vengeance on my urchins, if I had any. No woman gets the acid effectually out of her temper till she has taken matrimony "the natural way."

**PROTESTANT CHRISTIANITY** is said to be making great progress in Syria, in consequence of the labors of the American Protestant missionaries, and the influence of their schools, publications, and religious services. Copies of the Bible in Arabic have been widely distributed, and may now be seen in most of the villages in the Durs mountains, where controversial discussions on religious subjects are very common, particularly among the lower orders of the people. As yet, however, the only Protestant missionaries in Hama, at the foot of Mount Hermon, and numbers about two hundred members.

#### Health Report.

**OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.**  
WASHINGTON, August 9, 1853.  
Interments in the City of Washington during the month of July, 1853.

Abcesses, 1; apoplexy, 2; disease of brain, 5; disease of bowels, 1; insanity, 2; cramp, 1; consumption, 12; convulsions, 11; cholera infantum, 37; cholera morbus, 2; cyanosis, 1; decay, 1; deformity, 1; dentition, 1; drowned, 1; diarrhoea, 5; dropsy, 1; drinking cold water, 2; dysentery, 12; enteritis, 1; erysipelas, 1; brain fever, 1; bilious fever, 3; scarlet fever, 10; typhoid fever, 4; gun-shot, 1; disease of the heart, 2; hemorrhage, 3; whooping-cough, 3; hydrocephalus, 4; tetanus, 2; marasmus, 3; measles, 1; dysentery, 2; old age, 1; premature birth, 2; phlegma dolens, 1; purpural convulsions, 1; purpural peritonitis, 1; still-born, 4; trismus nascentium, 1; unknown, or not reported, 9.

White males, 71. Age unknown, 1.  
Do females, 56. Under 1 year, 78.  
Colored males, 18. 1 to 5, 32.  
Do females, 30. 1 to 5, 32.  
15 to 20, 2.  
20 to 30, 5.  
30 to 40, 12.  
40 to 50, 4.  
50 to 60, 7.  
60 to 80, 5.  
Over 80, 1.

Total, 165.

By order of the Board:  
THOS. MILLER, M. D., President.

#### BALTIMORE CORRESPONDENCE.

BALTIMORE, August 9, 1853.

Our city was visited yesterday afternoon with the most tremendous storm of wind, hail, and rain that I have ever witnessed. It commenced about six o'clock in the evening, and lasted only about ten minutes, but in that time a great deal of damage was done, especially to buildings in course of erection. Several warehouses on the wharf were much damaged, their roofs being taken off, &c. Fortunately the storm was very limited in its extent, not being felt on the bay or in the country to the north of it. The hail-stones which fell were in many instances as large as moderately-sized hickory-nuts.

The Democracy are in a state of considerable excitement to-day in regard to their State convention, which meets to-morrow. Most of the delegates are already in the city, and the claims of the different aspirants are undergoing a thorough canvass. It seems to be conceded that Mr. Mitchell stands no chance for the nomination of Governor, and that the contest will be between Colonel George W. Hughes and H. S. G. Key. It makes very little difference whom they nominate, for Maryland is determined to place herself in the Whig column this fall, along with Kentucky and Tennessee.

The recent heavy rains have greatly improved the crops throughout the State, and an average yield of corn is now confidently anticipated.

**Sales at the Baltimore Stock Board, August 9.**

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#### LOCAL MATTERS.

**GREENOUGH'S STATE.**—The "Triumph of Civilized Life," will be taken from the hold of the Atter Gull, in the course of to-day or to-morrow, as we have been informed. The group is in four separate pieces of marble, the largest of which weighs ten tons. Clark Mills has been employed to direct the removal of the beautifully-chiseled marble from the wharf, at the navy yard, to the eastern portico, and to elevate it to the position it is to occupy—a height of twenty-one feet from the ground. Mr. Mills was yesterday engaged in arranging a derrick, composed of the largest-sized pine timber, preliminary to the hoisting operations. A week or two may elapse before the group shall be fairly located.

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.**—A large invoice of books has recently been received from Europe for the library. Yesterday the President of the United States, accompanied by Messrs. Marcy, Guthrie, Davis, Dolbin, and Cushing, paid it a visit.

**OVER VIGILANT.**—Recently, a warrant was issued against a well-known and prominent attorney of this city, by Justice Crandall, for racing his horse at the Navy Yard one day last week. The case was ruled for trial yesterday afternoon, at two o'clock, before Justice Thompson, but before that hour arrived, the officer of the Sixth Ward who lodged the information hurried to the justice last named to inform him that he had mistaken the offender against the municipal statute. And so he had, for the aforesaid attorney had not been on horseback in the neighborhood of the Navy Yard for the space of eighteen months. Some investigation will probably be made by him into the circumstances attending the issuing of the warrant.

We have been informed that on the same day and at about the same hour the supposed racing took place the President of the United States, or some gentleman resembling him, accompanied by a friend, was at the Navy Yard, on high-mettled horses, difficult to restrain. Whether or not the vigilant police officer will prefer a complaint against the President remains to be seen.

**THE TROTTER RACE** over the Columbia Course, yesterday afternoon, was largely attended, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings, as usual on such occasions. The race was between Sorrel Fanny, of Baltimore, entered by J. L. Doty, and Kentuck, of Philadelphia, entered by George Nelson. One mile and repeat, to skeleton wagons. A lover of the turf who was present informs us that Fanny won both heats. Time, two minutes and forty-seven and a half seconds, and two minutes and fifty-six seconds.

**AN INCIDENT** occurred at the office of the City Collector yesterday somewhat enlivening the usually serious proceedings of money payments. A genteelly-dressed colored woman came in and wanted to pay her taxes. When asked what her name was she obstinately refused to tell it, although the clerk endeavored to impress upon her mind the necessity of doing so. She entered into an argument to show that she was not obliged to answer the question; for her name, she insisted, was on the "re-cord," as the gentleman could learn; and she had no "idee" of "being made fun of." She seemed to regard the interrogatory as rather disrespectful to one of her age, and the mother of a large family of children. There was no doubt of her earnestness. If she had been asked how old she was, a refusal to answer would have been excusable, even in one of her complexion. Much merriment was occasioned among the bystanders, of whom we happened to be one. Finally an individual present told her she was, when her bill was presented and promptly paid, lacking three cents, which she promised to pay next July, not having the "zact change" in her "puss."

**SUPERSTITION.**—A friend informs us that he recently observed a man cutting a piece of rope into small bits, which he distributed to his companions, who eagerly received them. The party thus engaged were foreigners. On inquiring into the object of these proceedings, we learned that the rope had the peculiar property of curing toothache and other maladies, a man having been hanged with it!

Not long since an outlandish individual iterated hereabouts selling amulets to cure diseases as well as to prevent them, and he was tolerably successful in the sale of his wares.

At several places in this city we have noticed horse-shoes over the doors. This is to keep the humble premises sacred from the intrusion of devils. Salt sprinkled on the pavement is said to be equally as effective!

**AS IT SHOULD NOT AND AS IT SHOULD BE.**—We have repeatedly condemned the carelessness of superintendents of street-excavations for sewer or other purposes, in not properly guarding their dikes to prevent accidents, which in consequence frequently occur, both to man and horse. But we are glad to record an exception to this reprehensible neglect. On Monday night, the earth having during the day been opened for the insertion of gas-pipes in D street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets, lamps were placed on the line as beacon-lights. This mode of warning against danger should be observed in all similar cases, and likewise—during dark nights—where building materials block up public thoroughfares.

**THE CENTRE MARKET** was yesterday supplied plentifully with all the products of the season, on an average at prices a shade lower than former quotations. Yearly the number of vendors increases, thus creating a necessity for enlarged accommodations, as the long lines of stands without the building conclusively show. The exposure of vegetables to the sun does not improve their quality, but gives them a degree of toughness, besides detracting from their flavor. We trust, however, that the idea of a new market-house will soon become a reality.

**THE CORNER-STONE** of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, to be located on the Island, will be laid this afternoon, between four and five o'clock, with Masonic and religious ceremonies.

**THE AQUEDUCT.**—The Georgetown Independent calls the attention of the proper authorities to the condition of the Aqueduct; and states that the frame-work is constantly settling. A small sum judiciously applied now might save thousands hereafter, as well as prevent any interruption in the canal in case any accident should take place.

**THE CRIMINAL COURT** was occupied yesterday with various cases of assaults. Two boys, convicted of malicious mischief, were each sentenced to four months imprisonment in the county jail.

**THE CORNER-STONE** of the Presbyterian Church on Sixth street, near Maryland avenue, will be laid with appropriate ceremonies to-day at 5 o'clock p. m. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. Messrs. SMITH, SUNDLAND, and NOBLE. The Public are respectfully invited to attend.

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#### TO THE DEMOCRACY OF THE UNITED STATES.

YOU will find an affidavit attached to the following statement, which I have signed and sworn to. I address this appeal to you instead of the President or the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, for two reasons: First, I was a clerk in the public department during four years of Mr. Polk's administration, and, secondly, for three or four months I became perfectly satisfied that dancing attendance to big bugs was entirely uncalled for to my taste; and, secondly, when I go to you I always feel at home.

After the last Presidential election was over, I made my reappearance in Washington, and a week prior to the first of December a Democratic Senatorial friend of mine had a promise that, at the latter time, I should have a temporary clerkship in the Land Office. This promise was from the Commissioner, John Wilson; and at or about the appointed time I sat in. On the 4th instant I was sent for by the Commissioner, and on going into his room was informed by him and his addition to my work, by Ray, my new clerk. I returned to my room, and finding about an hour's work on my desk, I despatched that, and then wrote the following:

"GENERAL LAND OFFICE, August 4, 1853.  
"Sir: With your knowledge, my Whig predecessor at \$1,200 allowed his desk to get two years behind hand; while I, an invalid, for 23 weeks kept it up. This is all that I shall submit to. What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Respectfully, GEO. W. KIMBERLY.  
"Hon. John Wilson, Commissioner."

And the next morning I wrote the following:  
"GENERAL LAND OFFICE, August 5, 1853.  
"Sir: In addition to having my salary cut down on the last of the month, I was yesterday ordered to do the work of other clerks. This I refused to do; and that my refusal might go upon the records, whence it might be called up and speak for itself, I put in writing, and herewith transmit you a copy to be filed in the Department, accompanying this letter."

"I can prove—partly by the records, and partly by the Commissioner's own acknowledgment—every fact stated in my note of refusal.  
"Hon. R. McCLELLAND, Secretary."  
And on the second day I received the following dismissal:  
"GENERAL LAND OFFICE, August 6, 1853.  
"Sir: I received your note of the 4th instant, and deem it worthy of no further notice than to say that the Commissioner, in reference to myself, is wholly destitute of any foundation in fact. As the chief clerk has reported to me, however, that you have refused to perform the duties assigned you by him, you have thus virtually disavowed your connection with this office, and your services will be discontinued with effect from and after this date. Respectfully,  
"JOHN WILSON, Commissioner."  
"Geo. W. Kimberly, esq."

The first paragraph of this letter is a denial of Wilson that he knew of my predecessor's shortcomings, and permitted it to go out complaining, or at least without removing him. I therefore wrote, under oath, that during the latter part of June last, in an official interview with the Commissioner, John Wilson, he admitted it. I not only told him myself, but if I could compel the attendance of more than a dozen of the most respectable clerks in the Land Office into a court, and upon the witness stand, every one would swear that the following facts were notoriously present in every room of the Bureau:  
"First, my predecessor was not, upon an average, more than once a week at his desk; secondly, when he was there he very seldom undertook to do any thing; thirdly, when he did make an attempt to do so, he was rebuffed by my predecessor, who told him to go; fourthly, my predecessor once wrote a book, and he dedicated it thus: 'To the Hon. Alexander H. H. Stuart, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, a Western Virginian by birth, education, residence, and sentiment.'"  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 5th day of August, 1853.  
F. S. MYER, J. P.  
Aug 10—11

**ALEXANDRIA & WASHINGTON BOAT.**  
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON will leave the regular steamboat wharf on Alexandria at 8, 10, 12, 2, 4, and 6 o'clock.

Leaves Washington at 9, 11, 1, 3, 4, 6, and 6 o'clock.  
The above boat can be chartered for public or select parties.  
JOE COBURN, Captain.  
Aug 10—6

**SHIRTS** made to order and warranted to fit, of the HOBBS & NEWCOMB'S New Cotton-Buttoned Shirt, made in the Pennsylvania Avenue, between National and Brown's Hotel.  
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**ATTENTION, NATIONAL GREYS!**  
YOU are hereby notified to attend a special meeting of the Company at the Armory on Wednesday evening, August 10, at 8 o'clock. Punctual attendance is earnestly requested, as an election of officers will take place. By order: T. F. MAGUIRE, Secretary.

**NATIONAL GREYS, ATTENTION!**  
MEETING OF THE CORPS will be held at their armory (Island Hall) on Wednesday evening, 10th instant, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing the officers.  
Persons desirous of joining the corps are invited to attend.  
There will be a complete uniform present for the company's inspection.  
THOS. C. WHEELER, Secretary.  
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**TRANSPARENT TOILET SOAP.**—In bars. A very superior article, and warranted to give satisfaction. Also Crying Dolls, Travelling and Bed-room Boxes, and other articles for children, Gum Rattles, &c., for sale low at LAMMOND'S, 7th street, near E.

**CAMPBELL AND ETHERAL OIL AT** Whittlesey's, on Seventh street, wholesale and retail, a genuine article. Upon trial, if found of the kind, money will be returned. Also Pure Sperm and Lard Oil, raw and boiled. Lined Oil, Nettle-foot, Rosin, and Tanners' Oil. Varnishes of all kinds, Paints, Window Glass, Lamps, &c.

Oil of \$25 and over five per cent. will be deducted for cash. WHITTLESEY'S, 7th st., nearly opposite the Avenue House.  
Aug 8—eoltw

**THREE-PLY SHIRT COLLARS.** LAMMOND, Seventh street, near E, has received from New York a further supply of those beautiful Collars.  
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**SPECTACLES LOST.** LOST ON FRIDAY, 22d instant, somewhere between the "Republic Office" and the residence of the undersigned, whilst passing Ninth, E,